

Amendments to the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1 to 13 as presented in the underlying International Application No. PCT/EP2003/009023.

Please add new claims 14 to 26 as indicated in the listing of claims below.

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-13 (canceled).

Claim 14 (new): A scouring body comprising:

a textile material including woven or nonwoven fibers and having a surface embossed by thermal molding;

a binder coating the surface, the binder being thermally hardened, wherein at least a first portion of the fibers have a crimping of more than 10 arcs per inch and a fiber length of at least 90 mm.

Claim 15 (new): The scouring body as recited in claim 14, wherein the embossed surface includes a plurality of repeating embossed structures, each separated by a distance and wherein the fiber length is greater the distance.

Claim 16 (new): The scouring body as recited in claim 14, wherein the first portion of fibers includes between 10% and 100% of the fibers of the textile material.

Claim 17 (new): The scouring body as recited in claim 14, wherein the first portion of the fibers have a thickness between 1 dtex and 250 dtex.

Claim 18 (new): The scouring body as recited in claim 14, wherein the fibers include synthetic polymers.

Claim 19 (new): The scouring body as recited in claim 18, wherein the fibers include at least one of a polyamide, a polyester, a polypropylene, and a viscose.

Claim 20 (new): The scouring body as recited in claim 14, wherein the fibers include natural fiber materials.

Claim 21 (new): The scouring body as recited in claim 20, wherein the fibers include cotton.

Claim 22 (new): The scouring body as recited in claim 14, wherein the fibers include a fiber mixture containing approximately 30% polyamide fibers having a thickness of approximately 17 dtex, crimping of approximately 12 arcs per inch and a length of approximately 90 mm.

Claim 23 (new): The scouring body as recited in claim 22, wherein the fiber mixture contains approximately 70% polyamide fibers having a thickness of approximately 17 dtex, crimping of approximately 6 arcs per inch and a length of approximately 60 mm.

Claim 24 (new): A method for manufacturing a scouring body, the method comprising:
providing a material web made of textile material including woven or non-woven fibers, at least a portion of the fibers having crimping of greater than 10 arcs per inch and a fiber length of at least 90 mm;
applying a hardenable binder to at least one side of the material web; and
continuously guiding the material web and the hardenable binder through a heating zone.

Claim 25 (new): The method as recited in claim 24, wherein the applying of the binder is performed using at least one of spraying, spreading, padding, and via a bath.

Claim 26 (new): The method as recited in claim 24, wherein the applying of the binder is performed to a first side of the material web and further comprising applying a further binder to a second side of the material web and then guided the web, the binder and the further binder through at least one further heating zone.